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951 676 4403 or email:

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FRONT OFFICE HOURS

8:00 AM-5:00 PM

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

Closed for lunch 12:30-1:30 PM

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays 2:30 PM

Tuesdays 8:00-9:30 AM

Wednesday 4:00-5:00 PM

Thursdays-4:00-5:00 PM

What do you want us to pray for?

Que necesitas? que nosotros oremos por

Mission Statement

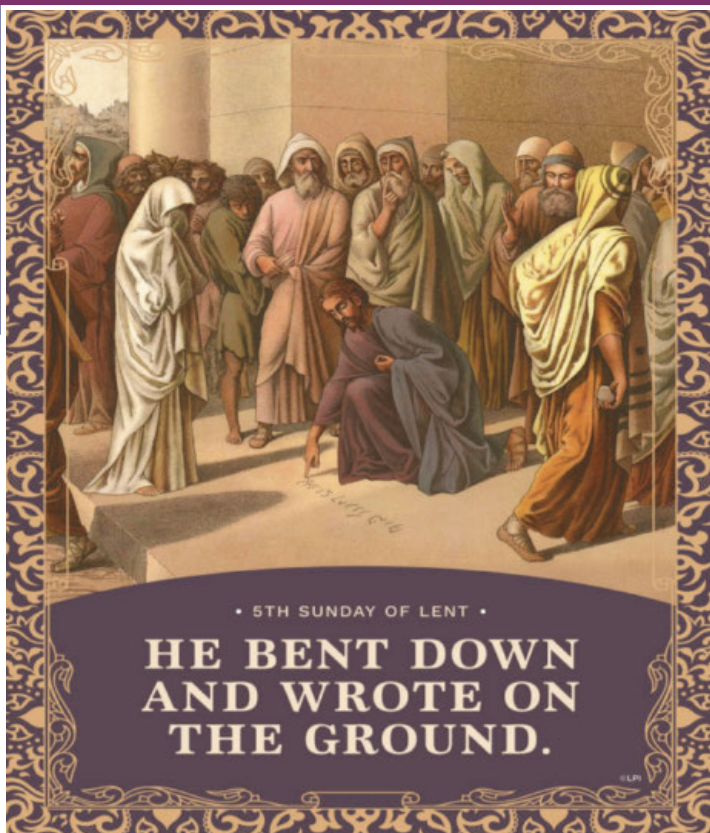
By promoting the teachings of Jesus, St. Catherine of Alexandria welcomes all people to share in our blessed sacraments to strengthen and inspire our faith, to bring all closer in relationship to Jesus and creating friendship and unity in ethnic groups and committees as we walk in His footsteps daily.

Welcome to St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church

April 6, 2025

- ◇ Lenten Soup Suppers, see page 5 for details.
- ◇ Fish Fry, see page 5 for details.
- ◇ Knights of Columbus Presentation on Divine Mercy, April 12, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. in Di Leo Hall.
- ◇ Holy Triduum and Easter Schedule, see page 3 for details.
- ◇ Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. Spanish at 12 p.m. and English at 5 p.m.

LAST DAY TO SUBMIT ENTRY FOR LOGO CONTEST IS APRIL 20!!! (See page 4 for details)



La declaración de la misión

Al promover las enseñanzas de Jesús, Santa Catalina de Alejandría da la bienvenida a todas las personas a compartir nuestros santos sacramentos para fortalecer e inspirar nuestra fe, para acercar a todos a Jesús y crear una amistad y unidad en grupos étnicos y comités mientras caminamos en sus pasos todos los días.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**Saturday****Vigil 4:00 PM (English)****6:00 PM (Spanish)****Sunday****8:00 AM (English)****10:00 AM (English)****12:00 PM (English)****2:00 PM (Spanish)****5:00 PM (English)****5:00 PM (Korean Mass on****2nd & 4th Sundays-Di Leo Hall)****Weekday Mass Times****Monday through Friday****7:30 AM (English)****Thursday 6:30 PM (Spanish) & Adoration****Priests**

Pastor	Rev. Timothy Do tdo@sbdiocese.org
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Parish Directory

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Parish Accountant	Jeckie Alcaraz jalcaraz@sbdiocese.org	695-6658
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Movimiento Familiar	Wilfrido and Lourdes Martinez	216-0157 239-8907
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Consejeria Matrimonial	Todos diacones	
Anulamiento	Todos diacones	

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Liturgical / Worship Ministries

Altar Servers	Aida Baltazar	225-6203
Eucharistic Ministers	Cathy Sipkoi	949-533-5515
Readers	Ivan Vela/Ernie Cruz	676-4403
Art & Env. Banners	John & Laura Johnson	303-1859
And Decorations	Jill Gonzales	471-2692
M3	Nick Ventrone	775-3739
Master of Ceremonies	Ryan Kleinvachter	694-8614
Hospitality/Greeters & Ushers	Duane Wright	676-4403
Linen Ministry	Imelda Cruz	972-4336

Music

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Sacramental Life Ministries

Infant Baptism	Jeckie & Mark Alcaraz	695-6658
Holy Communion/Sick	Yolanda Ortiz y.ortiz@sbdiocese.org	695-6657
Wedding/Convalidation	Yolanda Ortiz (assisted By Nancy Marshall)	695-6657
Funerals	Yolanda Ortiz (assisted By Nancy Marshall)	695-6657
Family Healing (Service to the Divorced and Couples with Impediments to Receive Sacraments)		676-4403

Outreach Programs

Birth Choice	Crisis Pregnancy	296-3441
Rachel's Vineyard (Post Abortion Healing	Dolores Dunphy	325-7702
St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Charities	Help/Food Pantry	951 587-6752 909 388 1239

Christian Life Ministries

Filipino Ministry	Frank Arias III	676 4403
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Consecration to Mary	Celina Benon	310-801-8643
Social Ministry	Lillian Rodriguez	895-3723
Divine Mercy	Jocelyn Ybarra	676-5237
Rosary	Vicky Felizardo	676 4403
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Ministry for the Homebound		
Rosary Makers	Julie Arias	676-4403
Pro Life	Paul Watkins	676-4403
Road to Emmaus-Adult		
Faith Enrichment	Patrick Wolff	676 4403
Bible Study	Mark Perry	951-760-8943
Parish Life Ministry	Jeckie Alcaraz	695-6658
Maintenance Ministry	Jim Armijo	676 4403

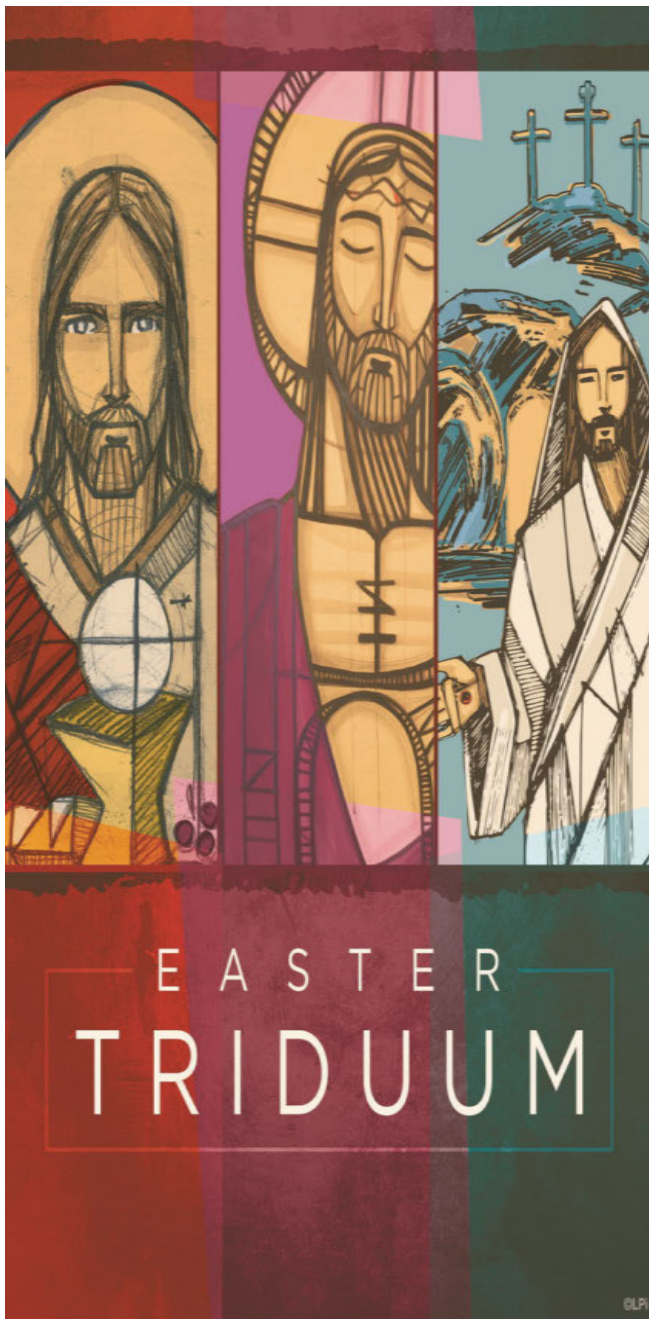
Councils

Pastoral Advisory Council	Renee' Micallef	676-4403
Finance Council	John Phillips	676-4403
Latino Advisory Council	Tony Carbajal	676-4403

TO REPORT THE SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD by a priest, deacon, Employee or volunteer, call the toll free Sexual Misconduct Hotline 1-888-206-9090

PARA REPORT EL ABUSO SEXUAL DE UN MENOR por parte de un sacerdote, diácono, empleado o voluntario, llame a la Línea Directa de Conducta Sexual Inapropiada al 1-888-206-9090

**STATIONS****FACEBOOK****ONLINE GIVING****BULLETIN**



St. Catherine of Alexandria Holy Triduum and Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025

7:30 A.M. Morning Prayer-Bilingual

7:00 P.M. Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual) followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10 P.M.

Good Friday, April 18, 2025

7:30 A.M. Morning Prayer-Bilingual

12:00 P.M. Seven Last Words, Holy Communion (English)

2:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross (English)

3:00 P.M. Service-Holy Communion and Veneration of the Cross

4:00 P.M. Play (Spanish)-All are Invited

5:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

6:00 P.M. Service-Holy Communion and Veneration of the Cross (Spanish)

Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025

7:30 A.M. Morning Prayer-Bilingual

7:30 P.M. Easter Vigil-Bilingual

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

8:00 A.M. English Mass

10:00 A.M. English Mass

12:00 P.M. English Mass

2:00 P.M. Spanish Mass

NO 5 P.M. MASS



On April 22 at the 4 p.m. Mass, our Pastor, Fr. Timothy, blessed the new Tabernacle. What a beautiful sight it is! Our parishioners, by way of donations, helped with the purchase and our volunteers worked countless hours to install it. Thank you to all who helped!!!

**ST. CATHERINE OF
ALEXANDRIA IS RICHLY
BLESSED!!**

Calling All Artists! Enter Our 115th Anniversary Logo Contest!

As we prepare to celebrate the 115th anniversary of St. Catherine of Alexandria, we invite our talented parishioners, especially our youth, to help create a lasting symbol for this momentous occasion. We're looking for a logo that captures the spirit, history, and unity of our parish community.

The winning design will become the official event logo and receive a special prize—an iPad!

Submission Details:

- **Theme: Journey of Hope**
- All entries must be submitted by Easter Sunday 2025 at sortiz@sbdioocese.org or dropped off at the parish office by 4/17: Attention-Sharla (115th Anniversary Logo Entry)
- **Open to all parishioners**



FOOD PANTRY CORNER



THE FOOD PANTRY TAKES PLACE EVERY FRIDAY MORNING 8AM-10:30AM RAIN OR SHINE NO ONE IS EVER TURNED AWAY FROM RECEIVING FOOD



WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED TO PARTNER WITH ST. CATHERINE'S SINCE 2000

SEE THE FACE OF CHRIST AS WE GROW IN HOLINESS THROUGH SERVICE
BE THE FACE OF CHRIST TO THOSE IN NEED WE SERVE

FOOD PANTRY SORTER - SORT FOOD DELIVERED TO THE PANTRY @ ST. CATHERINE'S, MON TO THURS & SAT MORNINGS 8:30 AM TO 10:00 AM
DRIVER - PICK UP FOOD FROM LOCAL GROCERY STORE AND DELIVER THEM TO THE PANTRY TO BE SORTED.
SHOPPER - PICK UP FOOD ITEMS AND DELIVER TO THE PANTRY AS NEEDED.
HOME DELIVERY DRIVER - TAKE FOOD BOX TO HOMES, FRIDAY MORNINGS.
FRIDAY FOOD DISTRIBUTION - HELP IS NEEDED WITH SETUP, HANDING OUT FOOD, AND TAKEDOWN, EVERY FRIDAY @ ST. CATHERINE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 7:00 AM TO 9:30 AM
CALL TAKER FOR HELPLINE - RESPOND TO CALLS AND PROVIDE REFERRALS FOR ASSISTANCE. ONCE PER WEEK, TRAINING IS PROVIDED.
FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE - HELP US DEVELOP STRATEGIES TO INCREASE OUR ABILITY IN MEETING THE NEEDS OF OUR NEIGHBORS. GRANT WRITING EXPERIENCE IS WELCOMED.

?? QUESTION OF THE WEEK??
THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL IS THE LARGEST LAY CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD OPERATING IN OVER ?? COUNTRIES?

- A. 150
- B. 100
- C. 30

LOOK FOR THE ANSWER IN THE NEXT FOOD PANTRY CORNER

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION OF THE WEEK
HOW MANY PEOPLE DID SVPD FOOD PANTRY SERVE LAST YEAR?
A. 2,000
B. 12,000
C. 8,000

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE E-MAIL SVPDTEMCULA2023@GMAIL.COM

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT MINISTRY



2nd Annual St. Catherine's Women's Guild

CRAFT FAIR



DO YOU... SEW,
KNIT, PAINT,
CROCHET,
BEAD, etc.?



SHARE YOUR TALENTS,
DONATIONS NEEDED & WELCOMED.

Join us for a potato luncheon

\$15.

and Shop for gifts on...

April 24, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

For Reservations call: Betsy Bartz @ 951-404-3069
To donate crafts call: Myra Healy @ 951-326-0890

Lenten Soup Suppers



Wednesdays 4-6 pm During Lent

In Di Leo Hall

March 12th

April 2nd

March 19th

April 9th

Come for Fellowship, Almsgiving and Fun!



Purchase Tickets Only

\$15.00

Temecula Valley Council

Invite you to our



Annual Lenten Fish Fry

St. Catherine's DiLeo Hall

41875 C St, Temecula, CA 92592

5:00 to 7:30 pm

DATES

Fish and Chip Plate

March 7th

March 14th

March 28th

April 4th

and April 11th

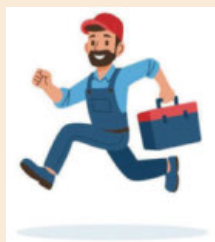
3 PCS FRIED FISH - FRENCH FRY'S - COLE SLAW
1 WATER OR SODA - DESSERT



Tickets will be sold after all Masses

"All Profits, Donated to the Vocation fund, that the Knights of Columbus supports"

**Handymen and Handywomen
Needed!**



We are looking for volunteers to help us maintain our facilities, including gardening/landscaping, painting, plumbing, lighting, carpentry, roofing, tiling/flooring, framing, and masonry. If you are a tradesmen and would like to donate your time to improving the facilities at St. Catherine's, please call Ryan Kleinvachter at (951) 694-8614.

**This will be our Pascal
Candle for 2025.**



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The Pascal candle represents Christ, the Light of the World. The pure beeswax of which the candle is made represents the sinless Christ who was formed in the womb of His Mother. The wick signifies His humanity, the flame His Divine Nature, both soul and body. A new Pascal candle is blessed and lit every year at the Easter Vigil.

We are gratefully accepting donations toward this project. Please include in the memo: For 2025 Pascal Candle.

**115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Catherine of Alexandria Temecula's Founding**  
St. Catherine's Parish is celebrating its 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Gala on Nov 22, 2025. In support of this momentous occasion, we are requesting donations of high value items for the live and silent auctions during the Gala.

**Live Auction items should be valued at \$500 or more. Donors who will give donations of \$500 or more will receive 2 free tickets to the Anniversary Gala in November.**

**Silent Auction items should be valued at \$100 or more.**

**Please contact Jackie Alcaraz for more details at  
951-695-6658 or [jalcaraz@sbdioocese.org](mailto:jalcaraz@sbdioocese.org)**



**La Parroquia de Santa Catalina celebra su 115.º aniversario con una gala el 22 de noviembre de 2025. Para apoyar esta ocasión tan importante, solicitamos donaciones de artículos de gran valor para las subastas en vivo y silenciosa durante la gala.**

**Subasta en vivo con un valor de \$500 o más. Quienes donen \$500 o más recibirán dos entradas gratis para la gala de aniversario en noviembre.**

**Subasta silenciosa con un valor de \$100 o más.**

**Para más información, comuníquese con Jackie Alcaraz al  
951-695-6658 o a [jalcaraz@sbdioocese.org](mailto:jalcaraz@sbdioocese.org)**



### CONSTRUCTION EXPERTS, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

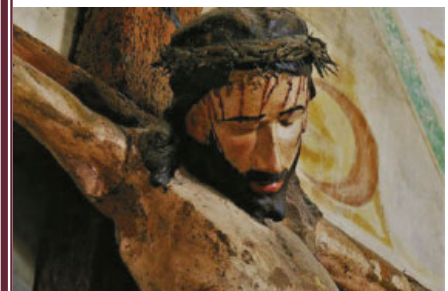
To alleviate the traffic while exiting the church campus after Masses, Fr. Timothy is looking into different ways of widening the campus exit. St. Catherine's staff has been working with the City of Temecula and are looking at proposals but would like some expert second opinion and guidance for the project. Engineers, General Contractors, other experts in construction and city permits, please call Jackie Alcaraz 951-695-6658 or [jalcaraz@sbdioocese.org](mailto:jalcaraz@sbdioocese.org)



### EXPERTOS EN CONSTRUCCIÓN, ¡NECESITAMOS SU AYUDA!

Para aliviar el tráfico al salir del campus de la iglesia después de las misas, el Padre Timothy está buscando diferentes maneras de ampliar la salida del campus. El personal de Santa Catalina ha estado trabajando con la ciudad de Temecula y está analizando propuestas, pero desearía una segunda opinión y orientación de expertos para el proyecto. Ingenieros, contratistas generales y otros expertos en construcción y permisos municipales pueden comunicarse con Jackie Alcaraz al 951-695-6658 o escribir a [jalcaraz@sbdioocese.org](mailto:jalcaraz@sbdioocese.org)

## The Meaning of the Cross and Mary's Reflection on the Stations of the Cross



Our next Walk to Emmaus topic will be on the meaning of the Cross of Jesus. It will include Mary's Reflection on the Stations of the Cross, coming from a mother's heart.

Join us Wednesday, April 9 at 6:00PM in Di Leo Hall. All are welcome!



## Help Us Build Our Family Directory— Share Your Family Photos!

We are excited to announce the creation of a new Family Directory here at St. Catherine of Alexandria, Temecula. This directory will serve as a beautiful resource for our parish community.

To make this directory complete, we are asking every family to submit a current photo of their family to Mary Hitzeman at [mhitzeman@sbdiocese.org](mailto:mhitzeman@sbdiocese.org). In order to ensure that your family is included in the directory, please submit your photo by September 12, 2025. This will give us enough time to compile all of the photos and organize them into a directory which will be distributed at our 115th Anniversary Celebration in November.

**We understand that life can be busy, but we truly hope you will take a few moments to share your family's photo with us.**

We can't wait to see your smiling faces!



### INVITATION

#### ***"Jesus I Trust in You"***

***From Our Lord Jesus Christ to Saint Sister Faustina:***  
***"You will prepare the world for MY final coming."***



All parishioners are invited to a presentation on the profound significance of the Feast of Divine Mercy here at Saint Catherine's.

**Date:** Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 2:00 PM to 3:45: PM (Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM)

**Location:** Di Leo Hall

Saint Pope John Paul II (Divine Mercy purpose for becoming priest/Pope?)

Saint Sister Faustina (Mystic)

Diary Message (... "Gospel of Mercy"... ) ("...nucleus of the gospel...")

Divine Mercy Image and the Shroud of Turin

Come and discover how to merit from the treasures Our Lord has given the Church in this critically important Feast Day and through the practice of:

**F** – Feast of Divine Mercy

**I** – Image of Divine Mercy

**N** – Novena of Divine Mercy

**C** – Chaplet of Divine Mercy

**H** – Hour of Divine Mercy

**Sponsored by the Temecula Valley Knights of Columbus – Council #9964**



Prayer Requests for the Repose of Souls  
 Peticiones de oración por el descanso de las almas

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*Concédeles, oh Señor, el Descanso eterno, y brille para ellos la luz perpetua*

**Gualberto Nievos**

**Lourdes Nievos**

**Sr. Irmelde Dinoso SSPS**

**Sr. Mary Juanita Dinoso SSPA**

**Severiano Dinoso**

**Angelita Perez**

**Florencio Dominguez**

**William Riplow**

**Camilo and Corazon Tagulao**

Prayer Requests for Healing

Peticiones de oración por sanación

*For those who are sick, may Christ's divine mercy bring them strength and comfort.*

*Para los enfermos, que la divina misericordia de Cristo les traiga fuerza y Consuelo*

**Lori Valentine      Loretta Marcum**

**Jenn Voss              Leonel Luna**

**Josette Milner        Grace A. Dabu**

**Julissa Cortez        Jim Davis**

**David A. Save        Natalie Castro**

**Dora Dominguez**

**Ruby Martinez Hernandez**

**Mary Maness Cook**

**Rona Ganji            Andrew Ganji**

**Maria Metcalfe       Marita Galura**

**Lina Kinnick          Frank Mangiapane**

**Randy Simpson**

Once our prayer request lists become full, we remove all the names and start a new list. If you or a loved one were on the previous list and still wish to be included on this list, please let Mary in the front office know. The number is 951 676 8136 or [mhitzeman@sbdiocese.org](mailto:mhitzeman@sbdiocese.org)

Una vez que nuestras listas de peticiones de oración se llenan, eliminamos todos los nombres y comenzamos una nueva lista. Si usted o un ser querido estaba en la lista anterior y aún desea ser incluido en esta lista, infórmesele a Mary en la oficina principal. El número es 951 676 8136 o [mhitzeman@sbdiocese.org](mailto:mhitzeman@sbdiocese.org)

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, April 5

**4:00 PM** Justin Ray Corpuz  
 Cynthia Burgos  
 Marcus P. Mailom  
 Arlene Cull

**6:00 PM** Zeyda Carrasco

### SUNDAY, April 6

**8:00 AM** Cesar Zorrilla  
 Manuel and Maria de Jesus  
 Ted and Amelia Eckert  
 Pat Sanchez

**10:00 AM** Isidoro Gambol  
 Wilfredo Morales  
 Gilbert Roque, Sr.  
 Ruth Grajczk

**12:00 PM** Grace Urbiztondo and Sons  
 Cristina D. Navarro  
 Emiliana Tactay  
 Liberty Maghinang

**2:00 pm** Leslie Yanira Rivera  
 M.F.C.C.  
 Eva Trejo  
 Rigoberto Vasquez

**5:00 PM** Paul  
 Arlene Cull  
 Marilyn Herrera  
 Frederick Del Rosario

### MONDAY, April 7

**7:30 AM** Arlene Cull  
 Tony Hernandez  
 Lolita S. Manuel  
 Cindy Gutierrez

### TUESDAY, APRIL 8

**7:30 AM** Bear Carpenter  
 Joshua Gutierrez  
 Arlene Cull  
 Jordan Hidalgo

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

**7:30 AM.** Fr. John Wagner  
 John Hafen  
 Roman and Veronica Carrillo  
 Maria and Cecilio Remotigue  
 Arlene Cull

### THURSDAY, APRIL 10

**730 AM** Jesusa Lopez  
 Arlene Cull  
 James Brenner  
 Joseph del Rosario  
 Jessica Luna

### 6:30 PM

### FRIDAY, APRIL 11

**7:30 AM** Pedro Lopez  
 Arlene Cull  
 Donald Stevenson  
 Lina Kinnick



## During the Jubilee Year

### Confessions

- Every Saturday at 2:30
- Tuesdays after morning Mass until 9:30am
- Wednesdays 4-5pm and Thursdays 4-5pm

### Adoration Every Friday

- 1st Friday of the Month with the Divine Mercy Chaplet from 8am-12pm
- All other Fridays- Adoration following the Daily Mass in Silence until 10am

## St. Catherine of Alexandria is a designated Pilgrim Site.

**Durante el Año Jubilar a partir del 1 de febrero de 2025**

Confesiones: Todos los sábados a las 2:30 PM, Los martes después de la Misa matutina hasta las 9:30 AM, Los miércoles de 4:00 PM a 5:00 PM y los jueves de 4:00 PM a 5:00 PM

Adoración: Todos los viernes. Primer viernes del mes con la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia de 8:00 AM a 12:00 PM

Todos los demás viernes: Adoración en silencio después de la Misa diaria hasta las 10:00 AM

## In the weeks ahead, we will continue to share a weekly section from *Spes non Confundit*, Pope Francis' latest document. Continue reading to deepen your reflection and understanding!

Source: [https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509\\_spes-non-confundit\\_bolla-giubileo2025.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509_spes-non-confundit_bolla-giubileo2025.html)

### A word of hope

2. "Since we are justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing in the glory of God... Hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Rom 5:1-2.5). In this passage, Saint Paul gives us much to reflect upon. We know that the Letter to the Romans marked a decisive turning point in his work of evangelization. Until then, he had carried out his activity in the eastern part of the Empire, but now he turns to Rome and all that Rome meant in the eyes of the world. Before him lay a great challenge, which he took up for the sake of preaching the Gospel, which knows no barriers or confines. The Church of Rome was not founded by Paul, yet he felt impelled to hasten there in order to bring to everyone the Gospel of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen from the dead, a message of hope that fulfils the ancient promises, leads to glory and, grounded in love, does not disappoint.

3. Hope is born of love and based on the love springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross: "For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life" (Rom 5:19). That life becomes manifest in our own life of faith, which begins with Baptism, develops in openness to God's grace and is enlivened by a hope constantly renewed and confirmed by the working of the Holy Spirit.

### Una Palabra de esperanza

2. «Justificados, entonces, por la fe, estamos en paz con Dios, por medio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Por él hemos alcanzado, mediante la fe, la gracia en la que estamos afianzados, y por él nos gloriamos en la esperanza de la gloria de Dios. [...] Y la esperanza no quedará defraudada, porque el amor de Dios ha sido derramado en nuestros corazones por el Espíritu Santo, que nos ha sido dado» (Rm 5,1-2.5). Los puntos de reflexión que aquí nos propone san Pablo son múltiples. Sabemos que la Carta a los Romanos marca un paso decisivo en su actividad de evangelización. Hasta ese momento la había realizado en el área oriental del Imperio y ahora lo espera Roma, con todo lo que esta representa a los ojos del mundo: un gran desafío, que debe afrontar en nombre del anuncio del Evangelio, el cual no conoce barreras ni confines. La Iglesia de Roma no había sido fundada por Pablo, pero él sentía vivo el deseo de llegar allí pronto para llevar a todos el Evangelio de Jesucristo, muerto y resucitado, como anuncio de la esperanza que realiza las promesas, conduce a la gloria y, fundamentada en el amor, no defrauda.

3. La esperanza efectivamente nace del amor y se funda en el amor que brota del Corazón de Jesús traspasado en la cruz: «Porque si siendo enemigos, fuimos reconciliados con Dios por la muerte de su Hijo, mucho más ahora que estamos reconciliados, seremos salvados por su vida» (Rm 5,10). Y su vida se manifiesta en nuestra vida de fe, que empieza con el Bautismo; se desarrolla en la docilidad a la gracia de Dios y, por tanto, está animada por la esperanza, que se renueva siempre y se hace inquebrantable por la acción del Espíritu Santo.

# Faith Formation

## Calendar Reminders

- April 6th - OCIA (10am Mass) & Children's Liturgy of the Word (10am & 2pm Masses) and Youth Mass and Session
- April 8th-10th - Faith Formation sessions (begin at 6pm)
- April 12th Eucharist Prep- Only for those that completed sessions #1 & 2 (9am-12pm)
- April 15th -17th Holy Week. No formation this week. Offices will be closed April 17th-19th
- April 20th - OCIA (10am Mass) & Children's Liturgy of the Word (10am & 2pm Masses)
- April 21st- Office Closed
- April 22-24th - No formation this week
- April 27- OCIA (10am Mass) & Children's Liturgy of the Word (10am & 2pm Masses)
- April 29-May 1- Faith Formation sessions (begin at 6pm)

EASTER EGG HUNT ▶

**Date: April 19, 2025**

**Time: 11am**

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## **Week 5: Trusting in God's Mercy**

"Create in me a clean heart, O God." (Psalm 51:12)

As we approach Holy Week, let's reflect on the gift of God's mercy. This is a time to seek forgiveness—both from God and from one another. As a family, talk about the importance of saying "I'm sorry" and offering forgiveness freely. Encourage children to go to confession if they are old enough and make time for your own reconciliation.

♥ Family Challenge: Write a letter to Jesus, thanking Him for His mercy and asking for His help in changing your hearts.

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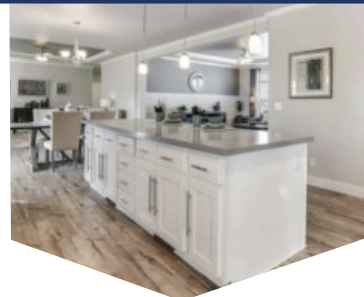
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